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Academician Roald Sagdeev  
Academy of Sciences of the USSR

Dear Academician Sagdeev:

Our American BW panel met recently to prepare for our bilateral BW meeting May 9-11 in Washington. We would like to make the following agenda suggestions:

- I. Review of Current Programs Related to BW
  - A. Description of each side's BW Defense Research Program: Both delegations make presentations
  - B. Discussion of US and USSR October 1987 submissions to UN in compliance with the agreement on exchange of data reached at the second Biological Weapons Convention Review Conference: Both delegations make presentations
- II. Scientific Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures
  - A. Structural Frameworks for National Epidemiology: Both sides make presentations
  - B. Information Sharing and Monitoring of Vaccination Programs: American side will lead
- III. Discouraging the Proliferation and Use of BW Agents by Third Parties
- IV. Discussion of Next Steps

We are eager to receive your suggestions for the agenda.

Our plan is to discuss all but the last agenda item on May 9. On May 10 we hope to spend the day at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland, where we will tour the facility and participate in a scientific seminar on hemorrhagic fever and vaccines, including polyvalent and recombinant vaccines. We would like to suggest that your delegation come prepared to give two short scientific papers on the same subjects at this seminar.

We propose to meet again in Washington on May 11 in the morning to discuss future steps and conclude our meeting at lunchtime.

We expect the American delegation to include: myself; Dr. Robert Chanock, Head of Laboratory of Infectious Diseases at NIH; Dr. Paul Marks, President, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; Dr. Alexander Rich, Professor of Biophysics at MIT; Dr. Samuel Thier, President, Institute of Medicine; Dr. Theodore Woodward, Professor of Medicine Emeritus, University of Maryland; Dr. John Steinbruner, Director, Foreign Policy Studies Program, Brookings Institution; Dr. Frank Vandiver, President, Texas A&M University; and Dr. Victor Rabinowitch and Lynn Rusten from the NAS.

We are eager to receive your response on the agenda and to know who will be in your delegation. I note that Dr. Vandiver has kindly offered to arrange a scientific program at Texas A&M which some of your delegation might like to participate in after our meeting in Washington.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
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